

**JAMES** By the Grace of God King of Scotland & our Lord  
**Rex et Caput Provincie**

Messingeris oure Schirffie In that parter coniunctio and seueralitie specialis constituta Scotia fforfamcked  
as oure right trust Cousyn James Earl of Morton Lord of Dalkeith Regent to us oure Realme and Etaties Mobilisitie, Etaties and Lordis of oure  
previs Counsals presentis convenit, Understanding be the Supplicationis of the Bisches, Superintendencie and Commissionarie of the Dioces Within  
oure Realme, how greatlie it shall tend to the aduancement of the true Religion and Instruction of the people professing the same within oure Realme.  
That by euery paroch kirke thair be a Bible remayning by sic forme as salbe thairt expedient be the kirke, and allowit and settfurth be oure Auctoritie,  
And that thair is gude characteris and printing frime already Within oure Realme proper and sufficient for wirkynge and Imprinting of the said Bible,  
And that git the charge and hazard of the work wilbe great & sumptuous, and may not well be performit without euery parochy, asswile to Burgh and  
Landward aduance afurthaird the sowme of frue pundis. Vis for the price of the said Bible will be sufficiente bunde by paist on tymme, four  
pundis 1. D. i. pennies, and for the Collectionis the C. s. f. schillingia and auct. pennies. Therfore oure said Regem, Mobilisitie, Etaties, and  
Counsals following of the saide overtur, & willing to extende oure Auctoritie to the furthrance thereof, ha. ordainit that the said sowme salbe collectit of euery  
parochy by the Bisches, Superintendencie, and Commissionarie, or sic personis as thay salbe appoin to the collectionis thairof, and the same imbrok  
and delivere to Alexander Arbuthnott Burgery of Edinburgh the furnissar off the said Kirk betwix and the first Day of July next to cum, And  
ha. commandit thair oure Letteris to be direct to that effect. O V E Will be heirever and we charge your straitis and commandis that Incontinent  
thair oure Letteris sent go pa, And by oure Name and Auctoritie commandis and charge the principallie and heridimy of euery parochy, asswile to Burgh  
and Landward to contribute & collect the saide sowme of frue pundis within the parochy, & delivere the same to the Bischop, Superintendent or Commissioner  
of the Dioces or sic as salbe appointit be him to resseue the same within ten dayes next after thay be gaigil be gow thairto, To the effect thair  
same may be imbrok with diligencie and delivere to the saide Alexander Arbuthnott betwix and the said first Day of July Under the pane off  
Rebelliou and puttynge of thame to our Horne, And gif thay failte thairin the saide ten dayes being bypassit That go Incontinent thairefter denuncis ymer  
Rebellio, and putt ymer to our Horne, And escheit and imbring al thair mowable gudie to our use for thair contempnious, as ye will answer  
til we thair resone, The quhill to so we committ to gow coniunctly and seueralit our full power, Be thair oure Letteris deluyering thame be gow  
newly execute and fndersat agane to the bera. Sevin under our hand at Haerburgh the auct Day of March, & of our reigne the auct geir. 1575.

per Actum secreti Consilij.